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For: SILICON CARBIDE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
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- All listed documents are attached.
- Copies of U.S. Patent Publications are not required and are not attached.
- Listed foreign patent publications and other documents are enclosed.
- The EP 1215730 reference corresponds to the WO 01/018872 reference; U.S. Patent 6,121,633 corresponds to the JP 2002-514355 reference; and U.S. Patent 5,958,132 corresponds to the JP 7-267795 reference..
- The listed documents were cited in the ISR and copies are submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration in this US National Phase Application.

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